

I fully support Peter Beauregard's petition, which is progressive, well thought out, and to the point. We must remember the incontrovertible fact that CW can get a message through under the worst conditions and with the simplest equipment. CW is functional for public safety, as well as pleasure. Also, amateur radio traditions are heavily steeped in Morse Code. A testing requirement at some level is really our only assurance that the code will not eventually become a forgotten artifact. I believe this to be true because it is somewhat difficult to master code at 5WPM, which is really just a start in CW. Who will work that hard without a visible incentive? Peter's petition is pragmatic and practical. It preserves ample spectrum for CW enthusiasts, as well as provides a real, on-the-air entry point into the exciting and challenging world of CW for Technician class operators. This is fitting in today's world where Morse Code can be learned using training and decoding freeware programs, such as G4FON's Koch Method CW Trainer.